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Subject: RE: update regarding our work
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I'm sorry but I never received a vm. This language is fine with us - thank you for giving us the opportunity to view. If we decide to make any official statements, we will share them with you as well.
Thanks, Stephanie

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeanne Briskin [mailto:Briskin.Jeanne@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 2:06 PM
To: Stephanie Timmermeyer
Subject: update regarding our work

Hi Stephanie,

This note follows up on the phone message I left you. We would like to update our website regarding the status of our prospective case study. As we have already contacted the State of Louisiana, we would like to be prepared if questions come in. Here is some draft text. We'd appreciate your feedback on this.

Draft language

Due to scheduling conflicts, the prospective case study of the hydraulic fracturing site near Mansfield in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, will be replaced by an alternative site. Sampling to establish baseline conditions for the study could not be completed before drilling was to begin on the site. While it was not a factor in the decision to cancel this case study, the site was also not ideal for collection of certain baseline samples, due in part to the anticipated slow rate of groundwater flow. We are working closely with Chesapeake Energy (our industry partner on this project) to identify a replacement site that meets the criteria for EPA's hydraulic fracturing study.

Draft Questions and Answers

1. Will the new prospective case study site be located in the Haynesville Shale area?

EPA will not be able to replace this site with another one in the Haynesville Shale area, because there are no available sites that satisfy our criteria while fitting into the schedules of both EPA and Chesapeake Energy. Therefore, we have begun looking for a replacement site in other areas where Chesapeake has plans to drill.

2. Will this delay results for the final Hydraulic Fracturing Report?

EPA intends to establish a schedule, in agreement with our industry partner, that would make results available in 2014.

Thanks,

Jeanne

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